



Dear parents,

I do hope you are enjoying your spring break. We will see each of you bright eyed on Thursday April, 5. There will be a fun morning of activities as Mrs. Baker will be leading out in our annual Team Day events. Your child received their color and we request that each team member wear a shirt where that color is dominant! Team Spirit! **There is a big change in our schedule for the month of May. The conference has put in two days off for the dates of May 7 and 8. Monday and Tuesday there will be NO SCHOOL. The teachers must attend this mandatory two-day seminar for the new Bible curriculum, There are no exceptions, we must all attend so there will be no school. I am sorry if this causes problems.**

Thanks to Dana Yin and Josie Hirsch and all the parents who helped to make our Read A Thon successful. We are building a solid portfolio of events during the year and I believe that Read A Thon will become one of our most cherished customs in our community culture.

I leave you with a very good article I just read about allowing our students to “fail” at things. At grade time this is essential that we look for opportunities for growth in every situation.

What can kids gain from failing?

Kelli Johnson, educational speech-language pathologist: Kids who get the message that it’s OK to fail also learn that it’s OK to *try*. They’re able to enjoy new and different activities because the stakes aren’t so high. Kids who are allowed to make mistakes also learn to solve problems and understand natural consequences.

Elizabeth Harstad, developmental behavioral pediatrician, Boston Children’s Hospital: Kids who experience failure can learn that it’s OK to take risks. They can also learn how to tolerate frustration. These are traits that can serve them well as adults. When kids experience something like a poor grade, there’s a way to move forward and improve the next time.

Brendan Hodnett, special education teacher: Failing is another stepping stone in the learning process. We can teach kids to embrace their mistakes as a way of improving themselves. Practicing this reflective process of seeing where they went wrong, making changes and then trying again increases learning. It also builds resilience and perseverance.

See the full link on the back page.

THURSDAY MORNING BRIGHT AND EARLY!

In Gratitude,

Stephen Stokes
Principal



TEAM DAY

THURSDAY APRIL 5

RED TEAM

ARIELLA(7)
BRYANT(7)
CHRISTOPHER(6)
CONNIE(6)
CY(6)
SARAH(6)
CALVIN(4)
JAILYN(2)
STEPHANIE(2)
MAXWELL(K)
JC(K)
BEN(K)

BLUE TEAM

ARIANNA(8)
CRISTI (7)
AUDREY(6)
GIOVANNI(7)
DJ(6)
SETH(5)
MATEO(3)
ALEXA(2)
JOSELLE(1)
GABRIEL()
IRAHM(K)

PURPLE TEAM

ANDY(8)
MARISOL(8)
EBED(8)
KAT(8)
MARIA(7)
SERENITY(3)
NISSI(5)
LEILANY(1)
MACKENZIE(1)
MASON(K)
KOANI(K)
SARAH (K)

GREEN TEAM

GAVIN(8)
TAFFY(7)
EMILY(7)
HAYDEN(6)
JESSIE(6)
HUNTER(5)
SAMMY(5)
TAYLYN(4)
MAYLA(3)
MAX(3)
BRUCE(K)
REBECCA(K)

**Come dressed in your team colors and
ready for a day of fun!**

**Relay races, challenges, games and
more!**

THE FULL LINK ADDRESS FOR THE ARTICLE ON FAILURE

https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/empowering-your-child/self-awareness/experts-weigh-in-should-i-let-my-child-fail?cm_ven=ExactTarget&cm_cat=040318_EnglishNewsletter&cm_pla=All+Subscribers&cm_ite=https%3a%2f%2fwww.understood.org%2fen%2ffriends-feelings%2fempowering-your-child%2fself-awareness%2fexperts-weigh-in-should-i-let-my-child-fail&cm_lm=sstokes20@gmail.com&cm_ainfo=&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_source=generalnews&utm_medium=email&utm_content=040318_EnglishNewsletter&&&